

# CORVALLIS GAZETTE



VOL. XLII.

CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1905.

NO. 81

## MOST SUCCESSFUL YET.

Exposition Attendance Better Than Ever Before.

With the two million mark passed, and prospects excellent for rolling up another half million before the gates are closed for the last time on the night of October 14, the Lewis and Clark Exposition is an assured financial success. The remarkable attendance demonstrates also that the Fair has pleased the people, and that is another source of gratification. It is evident that the enormous attendance could not have been rolled up unless the Fair had received frequent testimonials from early visitors.

It is evident now that the Fair will be, in point of attendance and in every other respect, the most successful Exposition ever held. Comparisons with the records made at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, an Exposition of about the same magnitude as that now drawing to a close, and which has been generally conceded to have been the most successful of all the fairs, show that the Exposition will outdo the showing made by the eastern enterprise. This is considered more remarkable when the statement is made that Omaha had a population of 13,000,000 within a day's journey, while there reside within a similar radius of Portland not more than 1,800,000.

The stock show, which opened on September 19th for a period of ten days, proved the crowning feature of the Fair. It was a notable success, being by far the biggest show of the kind ever held in the west, and by far the best attended. During the time it was running, the attendance at the Fair showed a daily increase over the average of about 5,000, and the week ending September 24, was the largest in point of attendance of any during the Fair period. The past week, with the stock show as an attraction during the first five days, and Portland day on Saturday, promises to be still bigger, and probably will show a total of 200,000 admissions for the seven days. On Sunday, September 24, the Sunday attendance record was bettered by several thousand when the turnstiles registered 17,168 admissions.

In spite of the fact that there are more people in Portland now than at any time since the fair opened, there has been no complaint on account of lack of hotel accommodation, or due to exorbitant charges by landlords. This happy state of affairs, it is certain, will continue right up to the close of the Fair, because there is room in Portland for a great many more people than can reasonably be expected. In addition the weather continues to be all that could be desired.

The Lewis and Clark Poultry show, the dates for which are October 5th to 12th inclusive, is one of general interest. Western Fanciers have shown themselves to be heartily in favor of the show, and have entered their choicest birds, while from the east area a number of entries of unusual interest.

## Benton Steers Abroad.

A thousand and one businesses would be found profitable in Benton county, were they given a "square deal," that are now unknown here. A good trial under favorable circumstances is what is needed in many instances to induce people to engage in some new industry. Until a few years ago the idea prevailed that clover and alfalfa would not do well in this county. Now we hear no such talk. Clover and alfalfa have been given a fair show to prove that they are all right in Benton and they were not found wanting. Regarding our alfalfa and our beef steers, the Homestead says:

Alfalfa fed steers from a farm in Benton county, Or., are now being used in the market of Seattle, Wash., and there is a strong demand for them in other parts of the Pacific coast states. This is something out of the ordinary for the western portion of Oregon, but it will continue and the number of Alfalfa fields will increase rapidly as it is without a doubt the most suitable feed next to the vetch for the farms of the Willamette valley. The farm from whence the steers were taken now grows 100 acres of alfalfa and an additional 100 acres will be seeded next spring. The first crop yielded 2½ tons of hay per acre and the owner says he has literally had more output from the field than he could take care of in a satisfactory manner. The pasture of alfalfa is very thrifty and green just now and will remain so in this grand climate, consequently his cattle and other stock will be in the pink of condition during the coming winter season. This should act as a lesson to other farmers and stock raisers of the valley to get alfalfa and vetch pastures started without further delay.

## Make Objection.

A week or so ago the Gazette contained ruling of the postal department at Washington, D. C., on numbering mail boxes along rural free delivery routes. Like nearly everything else there are objections to such proceedings. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has taken the matter up as is shown by the following:

A special meeting of the Commercial club, Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce has been called by the latter organization to be held in their rooms this morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of considering a recent regulation made by the postal Department in regard to the rural free delivery service. The postmaster general has sent out instructions that, beginning October 1, all mail boxes on rural routes shall be numbered consecutively. This has raised much objection in the west and the Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead in the movement among the Portland Commercial bodies.

Manager Tom Richardson, of the Commercial club, Secretary Giltner, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary Labor, of the Board of Trade, expressed themselves yesterday as opposed to the new regulation. The objection lies in the fact that the new arrangement would give eastern catalogue firms an opportunity to come in direct competition with the local merchants in localities where the rural delivery service extends. All that would be necessary for firms to reach these people would be to secure a list of the rural routes and number of boxes on each. Then they could mail their literature by box number without even knowing the names of the people to whom they were sending it. In connection with the parcel post law it is claimed that this arrangement would be a serious menace to western merchants.

The matter will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting this morning and whatever agreement is reached will be expressed in resolutions that will be telegraphed to the postmaster-general.

Largest line of matting in county at Blackledges. 30tf

## FIRST TO SUGGEST IT.

Dr. Withycombe Conceived the Idea of Stock Show.

During last week Dr. James Withycombe, director of the government experimental station at OAC, made a trip to Portland to inspect on his own account the many animals exhibited at the stock show then being held. The experience of many years and certain advantages and opportunities that this gentleman has enjoyed as regards stock render him particularly fit to judge wisely of the merits or demerits of such an exhibit of stock as above mentioned. The Oregonian speaks of the doctor's visit to the show and quotes him, as follows:

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station at Corvallis, is delighted with the phenomenal success of the livestock show. Dr. Withycombe was first to suggest holding a stock show in connection with the Exposition, and naturally takes great pride in what has been accomplished by Mr. Wisdom and the Exposition officials. While Dr. Withycombe admits that while the show from the point of excellence of the animals that were shown to the attendance was good, he still thinks it could have been made greater, had Mr. Wisdom had more money and more time with which to get his show together.

"The livestock show held in connection with the Exposition has been a wonderful stimulant," said Dr. Withycombe, yesterday afternoon, "and its success will be felt in Oregon for years to come. Its excellence and scope are far-reaching. It is truly a great show."

"I have during the past thirty years visited many livestock exhibitions, and I never saw a better one. Take the stock all the way through, and, unlike many shows of this sort you will find that exhibitors call 'tail-enders,' but you will not find such the case with the animals shown at the Exposition. The only trouble with the show is that it did not last long enough. It was so grand and good that it should have lasted longer. It has been a great paying proposition, and I do not think I am very far off in my estimation when I say that it increased the attendance to the Exposition over 100,000. The time it was held gave the farmers a chance to get their crops out of the way, and in addition to seeing the Exposition they saw what I consider one of the greatest livestock shows in the history of the country."

"I would like to have seen a series of dairy tests, say, lasting from 30 to 90 days, for I believe Oregon and the Pacific Northwest is destined to become one of the greatest dairying countries in America, and a test of this sort would have been a great stimulus to the dairying business."

"The meeting of the dairymen and the talks in the show ring by experts will have their effect, and while breeders and farmers are well advanced in the raising of blooded stock, each year will see a great improvement along these lines. Breeders who brought their stock to Portland to show it were greatly surprised to see the splendid showing that the state made in its exhibit. I knew, of course, that the state was well equipped with fine blooded animals of all kinds, but

to the most of those who looked over the Oregon exhibit and the prizes that went to Oregon breeders, it must have been a telling surprise to visitors as well as many home folks.

"I have a plan that I hope some day to see in operation. We have a splendid circuit of fairs, and I would like to see the exhibitors who show at these various places meet in one central place, say Portland, once each year and show their stock in one big colossal show."

Dr. Withycombe does not believe that the automobile will take the place of the horse. He is a firm lover of the horse. "The automobile just now," said Dr. Withycombe, "is a great craze, but I do not believe it will last. In time the fad will wear out. Automobiling is too costly, both from a monetary standpoint and from the annual cost of life. When the flurry has passed automobiles will be used in large cities for heavy hauling, and the horse, the splendid driver, will come back into favor. The horse is safest and best after all."

## Opens Today.

Professor I. E. Richardson, president of the Eclectic Business University, was in Corvallis, Saturday. He came over to arrange for the opening of the Corvallis Business College. So soon as matters can be arranged there are to be both day and night sessions. Prof. Richardson will have charge personally of the night sessions.

Some time during the present week instructors will be here to assume charge of the day school. The Business College will occupy the same quarters used last year—apartments over the First National Bank. There is a splendid field here for a college of this nature and we certainly hope Prof. Richardson and his faculty the greatest success.

Prof. Richardson insists that the standard of this school shall be of the same high grade as the university. He considers Corvallis a fine location for his college and expresses himself highly pleased with the treatment accorded him by our people. He also assures us that everything within his power will be done that he and his college may continue to merit the approbation of Corvallis people.

## Two at a Time.

Benton and Linn county both have boys badly hurt as is set forth by the Herald:

Charles Hale, the 12 year-old son of R. H. Hale, a prominent farmer residing in Benton county near this city, yesterday afternoon fell out of a tree 25 feet to the ground and broke the left forearm. The lad was in great misery when found, and he was immediately taken to the house and Dr. M. H. Ellis, of this city, summoned to the scene, where he reduced the fracture. The physician hopes to effect a permanent and complete cure, the youth of the patient being favorable to a restoration of his broken arm.

Near Halsey on Thursday John McNeal, a 14 year-old boy, while out hunting shot himself through the left arm below the elbow. The boy sat on a fence when the gun in hand slipped, and was discharged, the load entering his arm and shattering it. Physicians from Halsey were called and it was soon evident that the arm could not be saved. Dr. M. H. Ellis of this city was called and at an early hour yesterday morning amputated the lad's arm. It is expected that the lad will recover. This is the first hunting accident reported this season.

A limited number of pupils in vocal music will be received by Mrs. Ella J. T. or at the Presbyterian manse. 77tf



## For Wedding Gifts

there is no gift more useful than silver. If you expect to attend any of the weddings that you select your gift now

## Come and Choose

from the largest and complete assortment of silver and plated ware here. You will find it easy to buy a handsome present at a very reasonable price.

Albert J. Metzger

JEWELER

Occidental Building, - - - - Corvallis

## PAYING POSITIONS

await every young man or young lady who will thoroughly qualify in Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, and English.

## Day and Night School

Night school meets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30. Day school, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Five days a week. TAKES BUT A SHORT TIME.

## CORVALLIS BUSINESS COLLEGE

I. E. RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT.

## MONMOUTH STATE NORMAL

Begins its 24th year September 26. THREE COURSES OF STUDY

Preparing for County and State certificates. Higher courses recognized in Washington and other States. DEMAND FOR NORMAL TRAINED TEACHERS.

Longer terms, higher wages and better opportunities for promotion award the Normal graduate for his enterprise. School directors appreciate the superior ability of Monmouth graduates and the demand far exceeds the supply. Special attention given to methods work in graded and ungraded schools. Catalogues Containing Full Information will be sent on application. Correspondence invited, address

E. D. RESSLER, President.



## Are you in the dark?

Do your eyes give you constant service without pain?

If not, your eyes are in a condition demanding investigation and correction. Have your eyes examined by

E. W. S. PRATT, Jeweler and Optician.

Licensed to practice optometry in the state of Oregon.

## KLIMT & GAZZOLO'S Famous Perennial Success

Direct from Chicago

## ON THE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT

A Scenic Masterpiece! A Great Story of City Life! Four Acts Splendidly Staged! Including

THE CELEBRATED JACK-KNIFE BRIDGE SCENE

Two big comedy character hits and a remarkable cast played by a strong metropolitan company

OPERA HOUSE WEDNESDAY OCT. 11

## HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Do you know we keep a complete line of house furnishing goods? Everything from a curtain poll to a parlor suite and from a clothes pin to a steel range, always on hand.

## .....DEADENING FELT.....

Just the thing for house lining. We buy it by the ton. Reduced prices by the roll. We are headquarters for stoves and ranges. Our ranges are fully warranted. Ask to see those new air-tight heaters, just received.

## HOLLENBERG & CADY

Do you want a steam ferry at Corvallis?

What do you think of the proposition of installing in Corvallis a permanent exhibit of the products of Benton county?

These and other matters of importance are to be considered at the regular meeting of the Benton County Citizens' League, Tuesday evening, October 3rd, 7:30 P. M., at the Firemen's Hall.

JOHN F. ALLEN,

Secretary.

Be sure to attend and if possible bring a friend with you.